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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM TO
PRESIDENT CARTER

REF: STATE 205962

1. FOLLOWING IS SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM'S REPLY TO
PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER OF AUGUST 15:

"MR. PRESIDENT,

"I WISH TO EXPRESS TO YOU MY DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE
MOST INFORMATIVE ANALYSIS OF THE FORTHCOMING MIDDLE EAST
MEETING AT CAMP DAVID CONTAINED IN YOUR MESSAGE TO ME
OF 15 AUGUST. I AM MOST GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR SHARING YOUR
THOUGHTS WITH ME ON THE BACKGROUND OF THIS MEETING AND THE
CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH HAVE LED YOU TO CONVENE IT.

"I SHARE YOUR VIEW THAT WE HAVE REACHED A CRUCIAL POINT
IN THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. CERTAINLY
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THE CURRENT IMPASSE IS INCREASINGLY DANGEROUS NOT ONLY
BECAUSE THE PRESENT OPPORTUNITY FOR PEACE COULD WELL BE
LOST IRRETRIEVABLY, BUT ALSO BECAUSE THE SITUATION IN THE
WHOLE AREA COULD EASILY DETERIORATE VERY RAPIDLY.

"NATURALLY I AM ESPECIALLY CONCERNED FROM THE UNITED
NATIONS POINT OF VIEW THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE SHOULD BE

DONE TO IMPROVE THE ATMOSPHERE BEFORE THE IMPORTANT DECISIONS WHICH THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE IN SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER ON THE UNITED NATIONS INTERIM FORCE IN LEBANON, ON THE UNITED NATIONS EMERGENCY FORCE IN SINAI AND ON THE UNITED NATIONS DIS-ENGAGEMENT OBSERVER FORCE IN SYRIA RESPECTIVELY.

"I FULLY APPRECIATE THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH FACE YOU IN THIS MOMENTOUS TASK AND I WISH TO CONVEY TO YOU MY SINCEREST GOOD WISHES FOR THE SUCCESS OF YOUR EFFORTS.

"WITH WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS,

"YOURS SINCERELY,
"KURT WALDHEIM"

2. THE UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR SPECIAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS, MR. BRIAN URQUHART, INFORMED AMBASSADOR LEONARD THAT HE ASSUMED THIS EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL WAS CONFIDENTIAL AND WOULD REMAIN SO. LEONARD

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